

GEORGE W. MCKINSEY.

MAY 12, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MINOR, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 1800.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1800) for the payment of a sum of money therein named for the reimbursement of one George W. McKinsey, a resident of Kokomo, Ind., report:

Your committee find the following to be the facts in the case: George W. McKinsey was the postmaster at Kokomo, Ind., from July 1, 1889, to November 19, 1893. On July 1, 1889, the post-office at Kokomo, Ind., was raised from an office of the third class to one of the second class, and at that time came under the postal provisions which provide for the payment of all rents, lights, fuel, and clerk hire in such office by the Government. That between July 1, 1889, and January 1, 1890, he paid from his own funds a large amount of money for said rents, lights, fuel, and clerk hire. He was compelled to do this by reason of the Government having failed to provide for these items during the time stated, amounting to about two quarters, or six months.

The foregoing statement is borne out by the Postmaster-General, whose letter we append hereto.

This bill provides for the payment of \$713, but the committee desire to submit the following amendment, in order that the bill may conform to the statement submitted by the Postmaster-General. When such amendment shall have been adopted, we recommend the passage of the bill.

Amend by striking out all after the word "of" in the sixth line, down to and including the word "thirteen," in the seventh line of the printed bill, and insert in lieu thereof the words "six hundred and twenty dollars and twenty cents," so as to read as follows: "There is hereby appropriated to George W. McKinsey, postmaster at Kokomo, Indiana, the sum of six hundred and twenty dollars and twenty cents."

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL,
SALARY AND ALLOWANCE DIVISION,
Washington, D. C., March 9, 1896.

SIR: In reply to your communication of the 3d instant, inclosing H. bill 3683, for the relief of George W. McKinsey, late postmaster at Kokomo, Ind., I find upon examination of accounts on file in this Department that Mr. McKinsey filed the fol-

lowing vouchers in excess of his regularly authorized allowances for the period from July 1, 1889, to January 20, 1890:

Clerk hire	\$680.47
Rent	165.55
Fuel and light	4.66
Total	850.68

upon which a credit of \$137.68 has been allowed by the Auditor's Office, leaving a balance of \$713.

The records of this office show that the Kokomo office was advanced from third to second class July 1, 1889, but that the allowance for clerk hire was not increased until January 1, 1890, upon which date an allowance at the rate of \$1,300 per annum was made, which was fully up to the average granted offices of a similar grade for the said purpose. It would appear, therefore, that Mr. McKinsey has a meritorious claim for the following amounts:

Clerk hire (difference between \$400 and \$1,300 per annum):	
Third quarter of 1889	\$225.00
Fourth quarter of 1889	225.00
	<hr/> \$450.00
Rent, fuel, and light (actual excess covered by vouchers):	
Third quarter of 1889	75.00
Fourth quarter of 1889	75.00
First quarter of 1890 (to January 20)	20.21
	<hr/> 170.21
Total for clerk hire, rent, fuel, and light	620.21

Very respectfully,

F. H. JONES,

First Assistant Postmaster-General.

Hon. E. S. MINOR, *House of Representatives.*

